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R 272304Z MAR 75  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: US, UR, ACOM

SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY IN HANDLING OF POUCHES

1. DEPTOFF (SOV) USED PRESENCE OF SOVEMBCOUN MYSHKOV IN DEPARTMENT MARCH 26 ON ANOTHER MATTER TO REVIEW HOST GOVERNMENT FACILITATION OF HANDLING OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES. THE TWO PROBLEMS DEPTOFF RAISED WERE 1) LACK OF PERMISSION FROM LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES FOR CONGEN VEHICLE TO DRIVE ON TO TARMACK TO PICK UP POUCHES, AND 2) EMBASSY MOSCOW'S NEED TO EXCHANGE PLANESIDE UNACCOMPANIED POUCHES MOVED ON THIRD COUNTRY AIRCRAFT.

2. DEPTOFF REMINDED MYSHKOV OF THE CONSIDERABLE EFFORT THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPENDED IN WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO TO ASSURE EXPEDITIOUS RECEIPT AND DISPATCH OF SOVIET POUCHES. ARRANGEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT MADE SOMETIMES BROKE DOWN AND A CONTINUING LIAISON HAD IN FACT BECOME NECESSARY WITH US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. THE DEPARTMENT FELT THAT IF SOVIET CUSTOMS WERE MADE AWARE BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN THE US CUSTOMS AREA ON THE SOVIETS BEHALF,

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THE SITUATION WOULD PERHAPS IMPROVE IN LENINGRAD AND

MOSCOW. MYSHKOV SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE DEPTOFF'S  
POINT AND WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. KISSINGER

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